

**MINUTES
STATE HEALTH FACILITIES COUNCIL**

Thursday, May 20, 2021

ELECTRONIC MEETING

This electronic meeting of the State Health Facilities Council was held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8 entitled “Electronic Meetings.” The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person meeting of the Council to handle this limited agenda is impractical due to the schedules of the Council members and the resources of the Department. The meeting originated in Room 418 of the Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines. Notices and agendas were posted in the Lucas State Office building and posted on the Department’s web site under the Certificate of Need Program.

9:00 Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE: Dr. Harold Miller, Chairperson; Aaron DeJong; Carol Earnhardt; Brenda Perrin; and Jake Porter

STAFF PRESENT: Becky Swift (present in the conference room)

STAFF PRESENT VIA PHONE: Heather Adams, Counsel for the State

OTHERS PRESENT VIA PHONE: Abhay Nadipuram, Care Initiatives; Jennifer Lindberg, Brown Winick Law; and Katie Cownie, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (February 17, 2021)
A motion by Perrin, seconded by DeJong, to approve the minutes of February 17, 2021, carried unanimously by voice vote.
- II. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF NON-REVIEWABILITY AND THE DEPARTMENT’S RESPONSE**
The purpose of the Council’s review under this portion of the agenda is to determine whether it affirms the Department’s determination that a project is or is not subject to review under Iowa Code chapter 135. The Council will not hold a public hearing under this portion of the agenda.

1. Care Initiatives Eldora Specialty Care, Eldora, Hardin County – Change in organizational structure and licensure of Eldora Specialty Care, a 40-bed nursing facility.

Staff report by Becky Swift. A motion by Perrin, seconded by Porter, to affirm the Department's decision carried 5-0.

2. Decatur County Hospital, Leon, Decatur County - Addition of a second operating room and additional outpatient treatment space.

Staff report by Becky Swift. A motion by DeJong, seconded by Perrin, to affirm the Department's decision carried 5-0.

3. Office of Dr. Lindsay Sturm, Ames, Story County – Relocation of the office and the addition of an in-office operating room.

Staff report by Becky Swift. A motion by Perrin, seconded by Earnhardt, to affirm the Department's decision carried 5-0.

4. Shenandoah Medical Center, Shenandoah, Page County – Replacement of a linear accelerator.

Staff report by Becky Swift. A motion by Perrin, seconded by DeJong to affirm the Department's decision carried 5-0.

III. REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO 641 IAC 203.3 – RADIATION THERAPY STANDARDS

Becky Swift reviewed the proposed changes to the Radiation Therapy Standards with the Council. The Radiation Therapy Standards have not been updated since the late 1970's, and a workgroup of subject matter experts was convened to discuss updates to, and modernization of the language in, the Standards. She indicated that the public comment period regarding the changes is from May 19-June 8. Comments can be sent to her via email. The Council, as well as the Board of Health, will both vote on the updates at their respective July 14 meetings.

The Chairman reminded Council member that the next meeting will be held on July 14 and 15, 2021, most likely via Google Meet, but this has not yet been finalized. Council members will be notified of the meeting location in the future. Additional discussion took place regarding the July meeting.

A motion by Earnhardt, seconded by Perrin to adjourn carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 am